

## Letter to the Editor: Recognizing our public servants

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### *Public Service Recognition Week May 6-12*

Dear Editor,

Across the country and in communities like Gallup, government employees serve and protect us every day. Throughout the year, but especially during Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW), May 6-12, we should gratefully acknowledge their service.

I want to publically thank the over 53,000 active and retired Federal employees in New Mexico, which include about 6,300 Department of Defense employees.

Federal employees work side by side with our military at home and abroad to defend our country. They protect our borders and regulate the safety of our food and medicines. When natural disasters strike, they are there to help us recover. Federal employees also conduct environmental remediation, military munitions support, and missile testing.

Federal employees have a direct impact on our community, by caring for our veterans, protecting our airports, securing our borders and ensuring Social Security checks arrive on time. These are all critical services on which we rely.

During PSRW, please join me in thanking and recognizing the important work of the public employees in our community.

Sincerely,

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